

To: Dance Students and Parents  
From: Dance Faculty  
Subject: Spring Dance Concert  
Date: March 21, 2016

**Payments for costumes are due now!** Assuming all shipments arrive on time, costumes should be given out the week before the show and will not be released to individuals who have not paid for their child's costumes or tuition. The Administrative Office will handle money and checks. **The dance faculty will not take the money or checks.** Dates for the dance rehearsals and dance concert are dictated by the availability of Harrisonburg High School's auditorium and scheduled events. We cannot always select the times and dates of our choice.

The **Spring Dance Concerts** will be held **Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** at **1:00pm** and **7:00 pm** at **Harrisonburg High School**. We will have a full **dress rehearsal** for the **1:00 pm** show on **Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** from **5:30-9:00** and a full **dress rehearsal** for the **7:00PM** show on **Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** from **5:30-9:00 pm**. Rehearsal may run slightly under or over time so we ask that all parents be patient and stay until their child has rehearsed. Rehearsals are essential to developing a sense of confidence and satisfaction in performing, as well as ensuring a smooth, and positive performance. Dancers who have missed dress rehearsal are not emotionally, mentally, or psychologically prepared to perform. Therefore, **students who miss dress rehearsal will not be permitted to perform in the show**. We want this to be a positive and successful experience for every student! Dancers are to dress in costume for the dress rehearsal!

All students must arrive in plenty of time to give themselves a proper warm-up. Dancers cannot perform without a proper warm-up (especially older students). Those who try to dance without warming up run the risk of injury and technical errors. For small children this means a nap, a snack, and a few trips to the bathroom! Bring coloring books and crayons (not markers!) for young children to occupy their time before their dance.

For dress rehearsal and concert performance all dancers should apply lip color, cheek color, and eye color. **All dancers must have their hair in buns unless something else is worked out with your instructor!** All barrettes and hair fasteners should match the dancer's hair not the costume and should not be metallic or sparkling. All jewelry must be removed prior to arriving to the dress rehearsal and the performance. Please do not wear underwear under the costumes; bunched up underwear under tights is unsightly. **Dancers with costume changes should place costumes and accessories on rolling rack upon arrival. A rolling rack will be taken to the dressing room prior to the concert and rehearsal (dancers are responsible for their belongings and changing from one costume to another). Younger children who have costume changes MUST have a parent back stage to help them.**

Dancers should not chew gum or have candy at any time during the rehearsal or concert. Also, dancers should leave valuables at home. **No food or drinks are allowed inside Harrisonburg High School's Auditorium!!** Please make sure that all trash goes into proper receptacles, not under seats.

**Parents will not be allowed backstage during the dress rehearsal or the concert** unless they would like to supervise a group of dancers for the entire time or are helping a child with a costume change. No parent is allowed on stage with his or her child for any reason. If your child has stage fright, we will make every effort to encourage them the best we can with the time we have. If you have fear of this happening talk to and encourage your child the best that you can before the show. Each class will need at least one and no more than two parent volunteers. **If a class does not have a parent volunteer, then that class will not perform!** If you are interested in volunteering, contact your child's instructor and sign your full name on the sheet on the door. Volunteers are essential to having a successful and smooth performance. **All students must stay for the entire show and participate in the finale.**

**GITCHELL'S PHOTOGRAPHY** will be at the High School to take pictures on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:30 pm. The dance package photo special offered this year will be two 5X7" and four wallet-size "dance cards" for **\$15.00. Photos must be paid for at the time of the sitting.** Remember, rehearsal will start at 5:30, so **please have pictures taken before your child rehearses or right after** if time is efficient. **Pictures can be picked up two weeks after the concert at Gitchell's downtown store, located at the corner of Market and Federal Streets.**

The Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation Department has been striving throughout the year to provide students with the utmost quality in dance education in a positive and nurturing learning environment. Please note the recital schedule below and please remember—do not miss dress rehearsal! We are looking forward to a successful recital weekend! If everyone works together to keep the above-mentioned guidelines in mind, we will have a smooth, organized, safe, and most important fun performance. There will be no exceptions to the rules! Remember, the instructors have many years of experience in dance concert planning and dance education. Parents and students are expected to abide by the rules and respect the instructors or coordinator's authority.

There will be no saving of seats! When sitting in the auditorium please be respectful to those watching. Please avoid getting up in the middle of dances as it is rude towards those trying to watch their dancer perform. As audience members, please keep the noise level down, talking during performances is distracting to the dancers and to the families watching. Please respect the elderly! Please applaud equally for each performance.

Please note: On dress rehearsal, no one except volunteers, concert workers, and Blue Crew members will be allowed in the auditorium until 5:00pm. **Volunteers for the dress rehearsal must arrive at Harrisonburg High School at 4:45pm.**

**The day/night of the concert, volunteers must arrive at 11:30am for the Saturday afternoon show and 5:30pm for the Saturday evening show.**

On the day of the concert the doors to the auditorium will open at 12:00noon for the afternoon performance and 6:00pm for the evening performance. Both at the dress rehearsal and concert, all volunteers and workers will be asked to sign in and wear a tag stating their name and which classes they are supervising then report to assigned rooms.

**Lastly**, we want to thank all parents and all who will be volunteering their time in this exciting experience in the lives of our children's dance education. We realize this takes a lot of patience and time. A dance concert, just like any school play or sports event, takes a lot of preparation and months of planning the concert order, choreographing the dances, selecting music, organizing volunteers and concert expectations, dancing with and encouraging the students in the wings backstage during the show, booking Harrisonburg High School's auditorium, pictures, ordering and selecting costumes, printing programs, and training curtain, music and light technicians. Every attempt will be made to keep the show and rehearsal at an appropriate length. Just keep in mind that technical glitches are always bound to occur and your patience and understanding is appreciated. There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes to make a performance possible, and we are especially grateful to volunteers. Without your help and support, this fun opportunity would not be possible. Your generosity, patience, and help are greatly appreciated!

## **Rehearsal and Concert Schedule for the Afternoon Performance:**

### **Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>: Dress Rehearsal**

**4:30 pm                      Pictures**

**5:30pm                      REHEARSAL BEGINS! (DO NOT BE LATE)**

Dancers with Costume changes place costumes and accessories on rolling rack upon arrival. Rolling rack will be taken to changing room prior to concert

(Please sit with groups at appropriate signs in the auditorium. Signs will be posted along the sides of the rows. Each class will rehearse their dance two times. After rehearsing you are free to go; however, please remember that during the concert, dancers will not be allowed to watch the show. Please feel free to use the rehearsal as an opportunity for students to watch other dancers perform if time is efficient).

### **Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>: Dance Concert**

**12:15pm                      DANCERS ARRIVE!**

Dancers with Costume changes place costumes and accessories on rolling rack upon arrival. Rolling rack will be taken to changing room prior to concert

(Dancers sit with class and their volunteer back stage in assigned classrooms or halls at appropriate signs (Do not be late). There will be someone out in the lobby and signs directing parents/students to the appropriate rooms. Parents then need to leave and take their seats in the auditorium. **THERE SHOULD BE NO DANCERS IN THE AUDITORIUM DURING THE SHOW! DANCERS NEED TO STAY FOR THE ENTIRE SHOW AND MAY NOT LEAVE EARLY UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE!).**

**1:00pm                      Concert Begins!**

(Dancers will perform then sit with their class backstage in the assigned rooms. Classes will then line up backstage for the Finale in which they will be led out onto the stage for a final curtsy/bow. After each class has taken their bow, classes will be instructed to back up and sit on stage with the volunteer and will stay seated until a parent has picked them up. Please make verbal or eye contact with your child's stage volunteer before picking your child up from the stage or backstage).

## **Rehearsal and Concert Schedule for the Evening Performance:**

**Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>:** Dress Rehearsal

**4:30 pm** Pictures

**5:30pm** REHEARSAL BEGINS! (DO NOT BE LATE)

Dancers with Costume changes place costumes and accessories on rolling rack upon arrival. Rolling rack will be taken to changing room prior to concert

(Please sit with groups at appropriate signs in the auditorium. Signs will be posted along the sides of the rows. Each class will rehearse their dance two times. After rehearsing you are free to go; however, please remember that during the concert, dancers will not be allowed to watch the show. Please feel free to use the rehearsal as an opportunity for students to watch other dancers perform if time is efficient).

**Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>:** Dance Concert

**6:15pm** DANCERS ARRIVE!

Dancers with Costume changes place costumes and accessories on rolling rack upon arrival. Rolling rack will be taken to changing room prior to concert

(Dancers sit with class and their volunteer back stage in assigned classrooms or halls at appropriate signs (Do not be late). There will be someone out in the lobby and signs directing parents/students to the appropriate rooms. Parents then need to leave and take their seats in the auditorium. **THERE SHOULD BE NO DANCERS IN THE AUDITORIUM DURING THE SHOW! DANCERS NEED TO STAY FOR THE ENTIRE SHOW AND MAY NOT LEAVE EARLY UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE!).**

**7:00pm** Concert Begins!

(Dancers will perform then sit with their class backstage in the assigned rooms. Classes will then line up backstage for the Finale in which they will be led out onto the stage for a final curtsey/bow. After each class has taken their bow classes will be instructed to back up and sit on stage with the volunteer and will stay seated until a parent has picked them up. Please make verbal or eye contact with your child's stage volunteer before picking your child up from the stage or backstage).

**Concert Order:**

**Concert Theme: Passages**

**Saturday Afternoon 1:00 Show**

1. BLUE CREW DANCE COMPANY Cindy's piece
2. Discover Dance I (Tues.) Cynthia/Mandy
3. Discover Dance I (Sat.) Cynthia
4. Discover Dance I (Wed.) Cynthia
5. Adv. Jazz I (Tues.) Jimmy
6. Discover Dance II (Mon.) Cynthia
7. Adv. Irish (Thurs.) Cynthia/Jimmy
8. Discover Dance II (Wed.) Cynthia
9. Adv. Ballet II (Thurs.) Cynthia
10. Lyrical/Modern (Mon.) Tara
11. Discover Dance II (Tues.) Cynthia
12. Adv. Jazz II (Tues.) Jimmy
13. Intro. to Dance (Sat.) Cynthia
14. Adv. Ballet I (Thurs.) Cynthia/Tara
15. Musical Stage (Mon.) Mandy
16. Intro. To Dance (Mon.) Cynthia
17. BLUE CREW DANCE COMPANY Jimmy's piece

\*\*\*\*\***Finale**\*\*\*\*\*

**Saturday Evening 7:00 Show**

1. BLUE CREW DANCE COMPANY Cindy's piece
2. Beg. Ballet/Tap I (Thurs.) Cynthia/Jimmy
3. Adv. Jazz I (Tues.) Jimmy
4. Adv./Int. Ballet (Thurs.) Cynthia/Jimmy
5. Beg. Jazz (Fri.) Sarah
6. Adv. Irish (Thurs.) Cynthia/Jimmy
7. Int. Ballet/Tap/Jazz (Wed.) Cynthia
8. Adv. Ballet II (Thurs.) Cynthia
9. Lyrical/Modern (Mon.) Tara
10. Int. Irish (Sat.) Cynthia
11. Adv. Jazz II (Tues.) Jimmy
12. Adv. Ballet I (Thurs.) Cynthia/Tara
13. Musical Stage (Mon.) Mandy
14. Ballet/Tap II/III (Wed.) Cynthia
15. Jazz II/III and Intermediate Jazz (Fri) Sarah
16. BLUE CREW DANCE COMPANY Cindy's piece

\*\*\*\*\***Finale**\*\*\*\*\*

**Assigned Classrooms for Saturday's 1:00 Dance Concert:**

**Dressing Room 1:** (Blue Crew #1, #9, #12, #17)

**Hall:** #5, #7, #10, #14, #15 (hall dancers must be quiet!)

**Room 2:** dance #2

**Room 3:** dance # 3

**Room 4:** dance # 4

**Room 5:** dance # 6

**Room 6:** dance # 8

**Room 7:** dance # 11

**Room 8:** dance # 13

**Room 9:** dance #16

**Room 10:** extra

**Assigned Classrooms for Saturday's 7:00 Dance Concert:**

**Dressing Room 1:** (Blue Crew #1, #8, #11, #16)

**Hall:** #3, #6, #9, #12, #13 (hall dancers must be quiet!)

**Room 2:** dance #2

**Room 3:** dance # 4

**Room 4:** dance # 5

**Room 5:** dance # 7

**Room 6:** dance # 10

**Room 7:** dance # 14

**Room 8:** dance # 15

**Room 9:** extra

**Room 10:** extra